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SUBJ: PROVOS THINKING ABOUT POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DAITHI ( DAVID) O' CONNELL, PROVOS' TOP POLITICAL THINKER, HAS GIVEN PRESS INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SUGGESTS MODERATE CONDITIONS FOR PROVO PARTICIPATION IN NI ELECTIONS. SOURCE HERE TELLS US THAT BRITISH ARE INVOLVED IN TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT AND ARE LIKELY SHOW SOME " GIVE" SO THAT PROVOS CAN BE DRAWN INTO POLITICAL PROCESS. THIS COULD BE GOOD NEWS, AS PROVO PARTICIPATION IN ELECTORAL POLITICS WOULD LOGICALLY REQUIRE THEM TO SUSPEND CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE. O' CONNELL HAS ALSO DRAWN CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR SHORT- TERM TRUCE AND " PERMANENT CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES."

1. MARCH 27 PAPERS CARRY DETAILED INTEVIEW GIVEN BY PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN LEADER DAITHI O' CONNELL TO THREE NEWSMEN. CLEAREST VERSION IS IN " LONDON TIMES," BUT " IRISH TIMES" VERSION ( FROM AN AP REPORTER) WAS SIMILAR. PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WAS TO EXPLAAIN PROVO REACTIONS TO WHITE PAPER, DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AND PREVIOUS CABLES.  
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2. O'CONNELL SEEMED PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN NEW NI TRUCE UNDER TWO CONDITIONS: ALLTERMS SHOULD BE IN WRITING, WITH COPY AVAILABLE TO BOTH PARTIES; AND B) THERE SHOULD BE" EFFECTIVE LIAISON SYSTEM" TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL FLASH POINTNHELPFUL BECAUSE SHE WANTS HER CHEAP FOOD POLICY MAINTAINED."

3. CLINTON ALSO STATED HE WOULD SEEK MAJOR CHANGE IN EMPHASIS IN EC COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY RE STRUCTURAL REFORM. NEW GOI CLAIMS TO FAVOR KEEPING PEOPLE DOWN ON THE FARM RATHER THAN SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS, WITH EC MONEY , OF CONSOLIDATING SMALL HOLDING AND GETTING THE " OLD BATCHELOR" OFF THE LAND AND GIVING YOUNG FARMERS LARGER MORE VIABLE PRODUCTION UNITS.

4. COMMENT: THIS RATHER BLUNT ATTACK ON COMMUNITY WAS NO DOUBT, LARGELY FOR HOME CONSUMPTION, TO TRY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT IS JUST AS CONCERNED RE PROTECTING IRISH AGRICULTURE AS FIANNA FAIL GOVERNMENT WAS. HOWEVER, AT SAME TIME, IT REAFFIRMS THAT IRELAND' S MAIN INTEREST IN JOINING EC IS INCREASED INCOMES FOR ITS FARMERS THROUGH EC' S CAP.  
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